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RE: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit - Updated Information for Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery (Outfall #6)

Mrs. Guzzo,

The Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery (LNFH) submitted a new NPDES permit application on October 24, 2011 to the Environmental Protection Agency. In that application, LNFH proposed to pump a portion of discharge water destined for Outfall #1 upstream to a new discharge point (Outfall #6, ~ rm 3.3) in the Hatchery Channel section (rm 2.8 to 3.8) of Icicle Creek. At the time the application was submitted, LNFH stated that the details for this new proposed discharge point would be provided within 6 months.

The purpose of Outfall #6 is to recharge LNFH's wells. The LNFH operates seven wells which produce the quality of water needed to sustain its fish production program. Currently, LNFH needs between 1,060 and 6,590 gpm of ground water during its fish production cycle. The hatchery's wells draw water from two aquifers, one deep and one shallow. Wells 1 through 4 and 7 draw water solely from the shallow aquifer, well 5 from the deep aquifer, and well 6 draws water from both. The shallow aquifer is influenced by surface water. Recharge of the shallow aquifer is directly affected by how much water is present in the hatchery channel. The hatchery channel is dewatered when the stream flow in Icicle Creek above both channels is approximately below 300 cfs and flow into the historical channel is unrestricted. Dewatering of the hatchery

channel can occur in late summer, fall, and early winter for short or long periods of time. Dewatering of the hatchery channel reduces recharge to the shallow aquifer causing groundwater levels and pumping capacities to drop when wells are in production. Further information on Outfall #6 has been included in the enclosed, revised CONTINUATION SHEET from EPA FORM 3510-2B (Rev. 11-08).

If further information is required please contact Malenna Cappellini the Leavenworth Fisheries Complex's Environmental Compliance Biologist at (509) 548-2928 or <a href="mailto:malenna\_cappellini@fws.gov">malenna\_cappellini@fws.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

David B. Irving

Leavenworth Fisheries Complex Manager

# CONTINUATION SHEET from EPA FORM 3510-2B (Rev. 11-08)

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In the past, Outfall #4 was used for 1 to 2 weeks a year in late April to release hatchery presmolts into Icicle Creek (~ rm 2.8). Currently, pre-smolts are pumped from rearing units through an above ground pipeline into Icicle Creek at approximately rm 2.75 (Outfall #5). However, the hatchery wishes to retain Outfall #4 for emergency releases and potential future use. When in operation, discharge from Outfall #1 is reduced by the amount released at Outfall #4.

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Outfall #6: Pump Discharge to Hatchery Channel

Outfall #6 (~rm 3.3) in the Hatchery Channel section (rm 2.8 to 3.8) of Icicle Creek will be used, as necessary, to recharge LNFH's wells. When in operation, discharge from Outfall #1 is reduced by the amount released at Outfall #6. (The long term average of 8,100,000 gallons per day was estimated from the calculation of pumping 53 cfs continuous for 3 months, or 26 cfs for 6 months).

- B. Rearing and holding units currently in operation at Leavenworth NFH include:
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CERTIFICATE#	PRIORITY DATE	SOURCE	AMOUNT
1824	03/26/1942	Icicle Creek	42 cfs (18,851 gpm)
1825	03/26/1942	Snow & Nada Lakes	16,000 acre feet
016378	08/01/1939	Groundwater (1 Wells)	1.56 cfs (700 gpm)
016379	06/01/1940	06/01/1940 Groundwater (1 Wells)	
3103-A	10/16/1957	Groundwater (1 Wells)	2.67 cfs (1200 gpm)
G4-27115C	10/20/1980	Groundwater (4 Wells)	8.69 cfs (3900 gpm)





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Mrs. Guzzo,

Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery (LNFH) has made significant changes to its operations since the 2005 submittal for a NPDES permit. These changes include but are not limited to a reduction in production from 1.625 million to 1.2 million spring Chinook salmon; the use of a low phosphorus feed during the critical months of March, April, July, August, and September with the exception of fry in the nursery building; and the construction and operation of a second pollution abatement pond. These changes in operations were initiated to improve the health of the hatchery's spring Chinook salmon and to improve the quality of water (lower phosphorus) discharged into Icicle Creek. Also, in 2011 through the endangered species consultation process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, LNFH further outlined and detailed all hatchery operation and maintenance activities. Since 2005, LNFH personnel have supplied this information to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to update its current NPDES permit application. In recent discussions with EPA and WA Department of Ecology staff, it became clear that LNFH needed to resubmit a NPDES permit application to ensure that EPA receives all necessary information and to eliminate confusion.

Enclosed is an updated Form 1: General Information, Form 2B NPDES application for a permit to discharge wastewater from an aquatic animal production facility, a Continuation Sheet for Form 2B, and the March 2011 Biological Assessment for the Operation and Maintenance of Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery.

If further information is required please contact Malenna Cappellini the Leavenworth Fisheries Complex's Environmental Compliance Biologist at (509) 548-2928 or <a href="malenna">malenna</a> cappellini@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

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Al Jensen,

Leavenworth NFH Manager

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WA

E. ZIP CODE

98826

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Leavenworth

C. CITY OR TOWN

F. COUNTY CODE (if known)

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VII. SIC CODES (4-digit, in order of priority)  A. FIRST	B. SECOND
7 0921 (specify) Fish Hatchery	C 7 (specify)
C. THIRD	D. FOURTH
C	C       (specify)
VIII. OPERATOR INFORMATION	Control of the Contro
8 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Leavenwort	B.Is the name listed in Item  VIII-A also the owner?  YES □ NO
C. STATUS OF OPERATOR (Enter the appropriate letter into the	
F = FEDERAL S = STATE P = PRIVATE  M = PUBLIC (other than federal or state) O = OTHER (specify)  F	specify)  A (509) 548-7641  15 8 - 18 19 - 21 22 - 28
E. STREET OR P.O. BOX  12790 Fish Hatchery Road	
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X. EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS	Emissions from Proposed Sources)
A. NPDES (Discharges to Surface Water)  D. PSD (Air February 19 N WA-000190-2 9 P	missions from Proposed Sources)
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B. UIC (Underground Injection of Fluids)	E. OTHER (specify)
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XI. MAP  Attach to this application a topographic map of the area extending to at least on location of each of its existing and proposed intake and discharge structures, each injects fluids underground. Include all springs, rivers, and other surface water bodie	e mile beyond property boundaries. The map must show the outline of the facility, the nof its hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities, and each well where it is in the map area. See instructions for precise requirements.
XII. NATURE OF BUSINESS (provide a brief description)	
	g Chinook salmon pre-smolts into Icicle Creek (approx. rm
2.7) during late April. Also, LNFH supports the Yakama	Nation's Coho Reintroduction Project by providing on production program. Approximately, 500,000 coho salmon hatchery production see Attachment A (Biological
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XIII. CERTIFICATION (see instructions)	
I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with	the information submitted in this application and all attachments and that, based on my stained in the application, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I ling the possibility of fine and imprisonment
A. NAME & OFFICIAL TITLE (type or print)  B. SIGNATUR	
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COMMENTS FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	

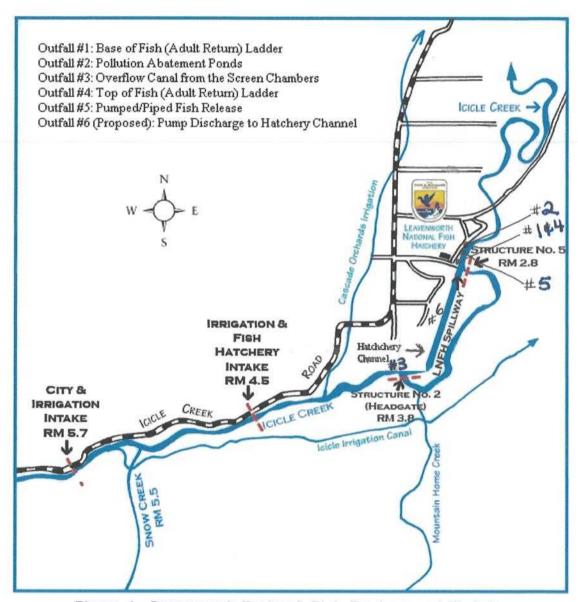
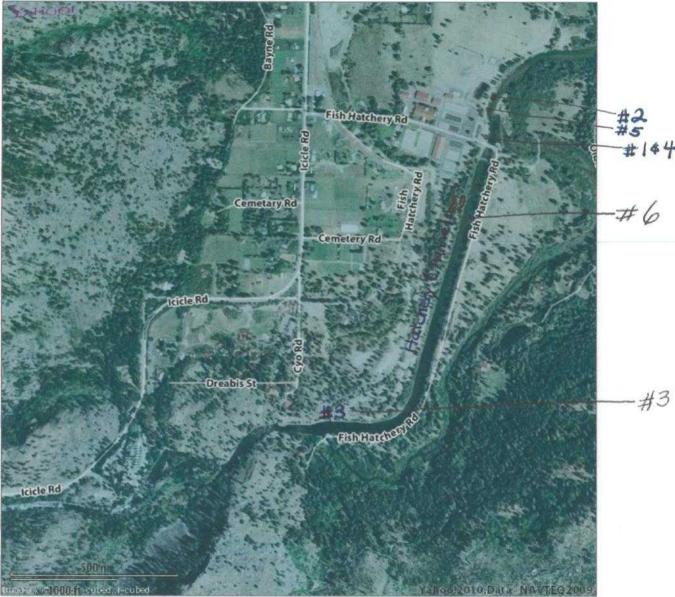


Figure 1. Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery and Vicinity

Form 1. XI. Map(2)

# Map of Leavenworth, WA





When using any driving directions or map, it's a good idea to do a reality check and make sure the road still exists, watch out for construction, and follow all traffic safety precautions. This is only to be used as an aid in planning.

EPA 1.D. NUMBER (copy from Item 1 of Form 1)

FORM 2B NPDES	<b>EPA</b>	CENTRATE	APPLICATIONS	VIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGE FOR PERMIT TO DISCHARGE WA G OPERATIONS AND AQUATIC AN	STEWATER	
I. GENERAL INFORM	ATION	Applying i	for: Individual Permi	it ☐ Coverage Under Ge	neral Permit	
A. TYPE OF BU	JSINESS		B. CONTAC	I INFORMATION	C. FACILITY OPERATION STATUS	
<ul> <li>□ 1. Concentrated Animal Feeding         Operation (complete items B, C, D,         and section II)</li> <li>☑ 2. Concentrated Aquatic Animal         Production Facility (complete items         B, C, and section III)</li> </ul>		Owner/or Operator Name: Al Jensen, Hatchery Manager Telephone: ( 509 ) 548-2917 Address: 12790 Fish Hatchery Road Facsimile: ( 509 ) 548-3401 City: Leavenworth State: Wa Zip Code: 98826			■ 1. Existing Facility  □ 2. Proposed Facility	
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☐ Veal Calves				to other persons?		
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☐ Swine (under 55 lbs.)				The second		
□ Horses				eres a		
☐ Sheep or Lambs				LANGUAGO DE		
☐ Turkeys						
☐ Chickens (Broilers)						
☐ Chickens (Layers)						
□ Ducks						
☐ Other: Specify						
3. TOTAL ANIMALS						

C.   TOPOGRAPHIC MAP			
D. TYPE OF CONTAINMENT, STORAGE AN	D CAPACITY		0
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☐ Evaporation Pond			principal section in
☐ Other: Specify			
2. Report the total number of acres contributing d	rainage:	acres	
3. Type of Storage	Total Number of Days	Total Capacity (gallons/tons)	All of Santas
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☐ Storage Lagoon			
☐ Evaporation Pond			
☐ Aboveground Storage Tanks			
☐ Belowground Storage Tanks			
☐ Roofed Storage Shed			
☐ Concrete Pad			
☐ Impervious Soil Pad			
☐ Other: Specify			
E. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN  Note: Effective February 27, 2009, a permit ap Permitting Authority.	plication is not complet	e until a nutrient mans	agement plan is submitted to the
1. Please indicate whether a nutrient managemen	t plan has been included	with this permit applicat	tion.
2. If no, please explain:			
3. Is a nutrient management plan being implemen	nted for the facility?	l Yes □ No	
4. The date of the last review or revision of the n	utrient management plan	. Date:	
5. If not land applying, describe alternative use(s	) of manure, litter, and/or	wastewater;	
F. LAND APPLICATION BEST MANAGEMEN  Please check any of the following best manawater quality:  □ Buffers □ Setbacks □ Conservation	agement practices that are		

III. CONCENT	RATED AQUA	TIC ANIMAL PI	RODUCTION FA	CILITY CHARA	CTERISTICS		
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